

FLAX POND (Bourne)

General Information:

This shallow, 27-acre warm water pond, also known as Picture Lake, has a maximum depth of only 6 feet and an average depth of 3 feet. The bottom is composed of muck and sand and aquatic vegetation is abundant. The shoreline is heavily developed with residential homes.

The pond is located just west of the Massachusetts Military Reservation rotary on Route 28 in the Pocasset section of Bourne. From Route 28 south, take Old County Road at the Otis (MMR) rotary. Two public access points can be reached via County Road. Access is through a town park and beach. The ramp is suitable only for car top boats and canoes.

This pond was reclaimed in 1955 and 1965.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in 1971, at which time five species were found present: largemouth bass, banded killifish, alewives, white perch and pumpkinseed sunfish.

Fishing:

This pond has a history of being a good largemouth bass pond, supporting fair numbers of fish in the 12 - 18 inch size range. During spring and early summer try fishing with light-colored spinnerbaits with silver blades. As vegetation increases during mid to late summer, it will probably be necessary to switch to surface plugs, artificial frogs and weedless rigged rubber worms. Live shiners dropped into weed pockets are always effective. Be aware that the pond is used intensively during the summer months for swimming.

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